

## **REMARKS**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated February 19, 2010, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 19, 2010. Applicants submit this response to place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 9, 11-18, 25, 36 and 37 are pending in the application. Claims 9, 11-18, 25, 36 and 37 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 9, 25 and 36-37 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter.

Further, Applicants are not conceding in this application that those amended (or canceled) claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the claimed subject matter. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these (pre-amended or canceled claims) and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

### Statement of Substance of Interview

On April 19, 2010, a telephonic interview was held between Johnny Lam (technical advisor for Applicants) and Examiner Leon Harper. Claims 9, 25 and 36-37 were discussed. The parties also discussed proposed amendments to the claims. While no allowance was agreed to during the interview, the Examiner indicated that the proposed amendments should likely overcome the rejection of record. The proposed amendments are reflected in this response.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9, 11-18 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Eintracht et al.*, US 6687878 (hereinafter *Eintracht*) in view of *Davis et al.*, US 7010144 (hereinafter *Davis*).

As stated above, the Examiner indicated during the interview that the proposed amendments, which are reflected in this response, should likely overcome the rejection of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is obviated.

Therefore, the claims are believed to be allowable, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

If the Examiner believes any issues remain that prevent this application from going to issue, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to contact Gero McClellan, attorney of record, at (336) 698-4286, to discuss strategies for moving prosecution forward toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted, and  
**S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,**

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